

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE PAPER BALLOT:

## How to vote the paper ballot:

(These instructions apply to you if you are an absentee voter)

1. If you are permanent absentee voter or a one-time absentee voter, you will receive your ballot in the mail.
2. To vote your paper (absentee) ballot, use a black ball-point pen to connect the arrow for your choice in each contest.
3. Once you have completed voting your absentee ballot, verify your selections in a private and independent manner. Particularly look to make sure that you have not marked more choices for a contest than is allowed on the ballot. If you mark more choices than are allowed (over-voting), your vote for that particular contest will not be counted.
4. If, after you have verified your selections, you find that you have over-voted, you may correct your ballot. If you cannot correct your ballot, please call (909) 387-8300 to request a replacement ballot.
5. Place your voted ballot into the envelope provided. Put the correct amount of postage on the envelope, sign the outside of the envelope on the indicated space, and then mail your ballot.
6. Voted absentee ballots must be received in the Registrar of Voters office or at any polling place in San Bernardino County no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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### Returning the Ballot

- The ballot must be received at the Registrar of Voters office or any polling place within the County of San Bernardino no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- The return envelope must be signed and completed by the voter for the ballot to be counted.

### How to Mark a Paper Ballot

- Use a black ball point pen.
- Connect the arrow like the Example provided.
- Review both sides of each card for candidates and/or measures.
- DO NOT VOTE for more candidates than indicated. This will result in an over vote and your vote for that contest will not count. If you make a mistake on one contest, it does not invalidate the entire ballot.
- To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name on the blank line provided and connect the arrow.
- You may request a replacement ballot by calling the Registrar of Voters at (909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-VOTE.

### Example:

Candidate 1
Candidate 2
Candidate 3
Candidate 4



PLEASE --

Don't use  
felt tip pens.



Don't draw the line  
more than once.



Don't use any color  
other than black.

